

## FELL OFF GANGPLANK

**Young Negro Laborer Drowned at Shipyard.**

### ASSISTANCE CAME TO LATE

Unable to Swim, the Unfortunate Man Went to the Bottom After Rising Above Surface Twice—Coroner Gary Deems Inquest Unnecessary.

While hurrying down a gangplank from the steamship Colorado, on the north side of shipyard pier No. 1, John Westley Martin, a young negro laborer, fell overboard and was drowned yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock.

The unfortunate man was tripped on a stick and before he could recover his balance, plunged headlong over the side of the plank into the water between the ship and the pier, a distance of about 15 feet. As he fell the negro sent up a pitiful cry for help, attracting several men to the scene, but they were unable to render any assistance as there was not a line within reach which they could throw the drowning man. Witnesses say that the negro rose to the surface twice in rapid succession and then disappeared.

When the body did not rise to the surface of the water again a search was made for it with grappling hooks. After working two hours the searching party located the body beside the pier.

After the finding of the body, Coroner Gary was notified of the drowning, but upon viewing the remains he decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Dr. Gary said last night that there were no bruises on the man's body and evidently he had struck no object during the fall. It is supposed that the man was unable to swim.

Martin was 22 years old and had been employed at the shipyard as a laborer under Mr. James Williams for some time. He is a native of Montgomery county, N. C., where he has a wife living.

The body was removed to an undertaking establishment late yesterday afternoon and will be shipped to Montgomery county for burial today.

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### START FROM RICHMOND TODAY.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Bissett Ready for Auto Journey.

When the Old Dominion steamer Brandon pulled out from pier A last night on its way to Richmond it had aboard Lieutenant Guy A. Bissett, assistant naval constructor at the local shipyard, and Mrs. Bissett with their "huck-board" automobile, in which they will travel from Richmond to Harrodsburg, Ky.

The tourists will arrive at the State capital this morning and they will begin their auto journey from that city today. As far as possible they will follow the route of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad through the Valley of Virginia across West Virginia and into Kentucky.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Bissett expect to make the trip in a week and after spending two weeks in Harrodsburg they will return to this city by rail, shipping their auto by freight.

Quite a number of friends of the young officer and his wife were at pier A last night to bid them goodbye and wish them a successful trip.

### LAST OF SATURDAY BASE BALL GAMES

Shipbuilders Meet Scottsville Team Today and Close Season With Artillerists Here Monday.

The shipbuilders will play their final Saturday afternoon game of the season at the Casino Park this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when they will meet the nine from Scottsville, and will close the season with the Artillerists at the Casino Park Monday afternoon.

The game today will be the fourth one of the season between the locals and Scottsville and a battle royal is expected. The boys from across the Rads have captured two of the three games already played.

The shipbuilders will be in good trim today and Manager Leeb believes that his team will make it an even split with the Scottsville boys by taking the final game. Beckes probably will be in the box for the locals.

Cross, the fast-haired boy who had the locals guessing in the game last Saturday, will again be on the slab for the Scottsville nine today.

## Theatrical

To be recognized as a good Shylock is one of the highest ambitions of the actor's art. This ambition has been signally realized in the case of Charles B. Hanford, who brings his magnificent production of this masterpiece to the Academy on next Tuesday.

Mr. Hanford enjoys a following such as few players can boast, composed as it is not only of those who seek the theatre as a means of simple diversion but of the people who are tempted to the playhouse only by the assurance that something substantial and extraordinary merit is to be offered. Mr. Hanford has made an especial study of the role of Shylock. He has the faculty of making every part he plays distinctly human and he invests his impersonations with a sympathetic interest which fascinates the senses and delights the intelligence.

Miss rofiah, whose previous portrayals of feminine characters from Shakespeare have delighted an ever-increasing coterie of admirers will be seen to fine advantage in the part of Portia. The supporting company is such as to enable Mr. Hanford to provide an admirable cast for this play whose variety of characters and ever shifting play of comedy and tragedy has made it one of the most widely studied and most popular of all Shakespeare's dramas.

Special scenery and costumes have been provided for the Hanford season in this play.

### Social-Personal

Mr. H. C. Leslie has returned from a few days visit to Clifton Forge.

Mr. Waller Wynne has returned from Baltimore, where he spent a week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Eugene White, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Post.

Mr. J. C. Hudgins, professor of chemistry in the Boston School of Technology, left yesterday to resume his duties, after spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hudgins, in this city.

Miss Miriam Harding, who has been visiting Mrs. B. R. Cofer, on West avenue, has returned to Indianapolis, Ind.

## INTEREST IN RESULT

**Strong Fights Against Captain Stuart's Confirmation**

### RESTS WITH VIRGINIA SENATOR

Opposition Upon Part of Daniel and Martin Would Settle the Question. Views of the Washington Correspondent of the Times-Dispatch.

Interest is being manifested all over the State in the question of whether or not the Senate will confirm the appointment of Captain J. E. B. Stuart as collector of customs for this port. Probably no man in this section has had his actions more widely commented upon of late than Captain Stuart, therefore it is but natural that even those who have no personal interest in the matter whatever are curious to know what will be the outcome of it all.

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Times-Dispatch seems to have reasons for believing that there will be strenuous opposition to the confirmation of Captain Stuart's appointment. The following special dispatch from Washington was published in yesterday's Times-Dispatch: "It is probable that there will be a strong fight made against the confirmation by the Senate of the appointment of Captain J. E. B. Stuart to the position of collector of customs of the port of Newport News. He was confirmed as marshal of the Eastern District of Virginia to succeed Marshal Morgan Treat, but his transfer to the position of Newport News collector was made too late to admit of action by the Senate last spring.

"Opposition to the confirmation of Captain Stuart will be based upon his recent action in promoting certain inspectors under him who were Republicans and dismissing others who were Democrats. It was alleged against him that the favoritism shown the inspectors who were dismissed was due to their politics, and that the inspectors who were dismissed from the service were 'fired.' The civil service commission investigated these charges, and the findings of the commission reported to the President. The result was a goal, hard, calling-down for the collector from President Roosevelt himself.

"Civil Service Violators." "Opposition to the confirmation will be grounded on 'flagrant violation of the civil service regulations' at the very outset of his official career. It should be borne in mind that the opposition of one senator to the confirmation of an appointment is sufficient to defeat it, or at least to prevent it for an indefinite time. Solid opposition from the Democrats of the Senate would make confirmation impossible. Senator Martin is the second ranking member of the committee on commerce, to which the nomination of Stuart will be referred. The Senator has never been captious in any measure concerning opposition to the confirmation of Republican appointees, though it was his opposition that was chiefly responsible for the long delay in the confirmation of the negro who was made collector of the port of Charleston, S. C.

"Senator Martin Silent." "Senator Martin declined to discuss his probable course regarding the appointment of Stuart when asked to do so today. He said he preferred not to state his position until he had investigated the matter."

### FIELD DAY SPORTS ON CASINO GROUNDS

Interesting Program Arranged for Eagle Company's Celebration This Afternoon.

The Eagle Engine Company, No. 3, of the volunteer fire department, will hold its field day exercises at the Casino Park this afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. An interesting program of events has been arranged and the laddies are expecting to have a big celebration.

Running, jumping, throwing the hammer, sack, potato and numerous other kinds of races will be pulled off and handsome prizes will be awarded the winner of each event.

This will be the first event of the kind ever held here by firemen and it is expected that a large crowd will turn out to witness the sports.

Dixie Coming Here. The auxiliary cruiser Dixie is on her way to this port from Villefranche, via Gibraltar. The ship is expected to arrive in a few days.

Sunday Excursion to Mathews County. The Old Dominion Line steamer "Mojack" will make a special trip to Mathews county on Sunday, September 24th, leaving Old Point 8 a. m. Fare, round trip, \$1.10. H. B. WALKER, M. B. CROWELL, Vice-Pres. & T. M. Gen'l Agent, New York, Norfolk, Va. 9-23-21

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